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Application Number	10/076,417
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First Named Inventor	Takuya TANAKA et al
Group Art Unit	1773
Examiner Name	M. R. Jackson
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## This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iv. ☒ Other Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.132

### 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- ii. ☒ Third Extension of time fee (37 CFR. 1.136 and 1.17) - \$950.00
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, AGENT REQUIRED

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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING...)	)	

**REPLY: AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **5** of this paper.